

Dear Bill,

Many thanks for your nice letter of Oct. 26, which just came to hand! As I am leaving tonight for Amsterdam and Paris, I hasten to write you a few lines, in answer to same.

Ingrid and Art left Washington for San Francisco already on the 16th of October. Ingrid stayed indoors all the time in Washington, as she had got a bad cold or sinusitis, and was also quite tired out from the crossing. The baby is growing fast, and takes a lot out of her mother.

We just heard from Ingrid and Art - they are happy to be "home", and Ingrid liked her parents in law very much. They (A&I) do not know yet if they are going to stay in California. Art is looking round for an Airforce job there, and in case he can't get anything suitable, they will go back to Washington, where he can get a good job at the Pentagon.

I do hope you appreciate the difficulties Ingrid had on her trip and that you therefore forgive their not calling you when in Washington.

The new brick works is in operation now, but there are a number of gadgets still missing. I suppose that it will take another year before all goes smoothly. But we are however already operating at about 50% capacity, which is not too bad.

We are happy to hear that you have had such a fine summer - I am sure this has done you a lot of good. And to be able to putter around your own house, so beautifully located!

We had also a fine summer, but have at the same time suffered from the drought - so nothing is 100%. But we cannot complain.

At least not our here in the country! But here comes a real complaint. I wrote not long ago to Stu, telling him that according to information from our Dutch agents, some Dutch authority had been offered M-209's from some surplus dump, at a price of \$15 ea. And today we have confirmation that the Netherlands Purchasing Commission in the US has bought a first sample order of 100. If this goes on, our own business here will be ruined. Isn't this contrary to the agreement I entered into with the US War Dept?

With regard to your strip device (not strip tease?) Stu wrote me, and I answered him that I would gladly investigate the possibilities, and hoped to get a sample. So I hope to be able to say something later on.

We were glad to hear that you liked Annies cookies. But what happened to the jam - has Elizabeth kept it for herself in the refrigerator?

We do hope that all is well with you, and with our love to you and Elizabeth, from Annie and me, I remain

Sincerely yours

